

DECEMBER 24, 1947.

Procession

Attacked

JEWISH LEADER'S

NARROW ESCAPE

today against Arabs who attacked highway traffic

north of Jerusalem, and Arab bullets raked a Jewish

funeral procession on the sacred Mount of the

high attackers in a wild exchange of fire with a

British convoy, Army sources said. The convoy

blasted the hillsides over Bab el Wad where Arab

attackers' bullets wounded a Swedish journalist and

Jerusalem, Dec. 24.—British Tommies fought

A turbaned Arab in a green sweater, led the

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Funeral

Ascension.

Bollaert Given Full Power

Indo-China Peace Negotiations

Paris, Dec. 23 .- The French - Cabinet gave High Commissioner Emile Bollaert full powers today to negotiate peace in Indo-China-so long as he does not deal with the insurgent Vict Nam government of Ho Chi-minh.

Bollaert returned to Paris last week after a conference with Bao Dal, exiled former Emperor of Annam. Annam is one of the five

Indo-Chineso states. French President Vincent Auriol announced today the Cabinet had received messages of support from the Kingdoms of Cambodia and Laos. A French-supported government exists in Cochin-China, another of the states.—Associated Press.

New Political Party Move

the Kntayama Cabinet.

The Social Democratic Party is office. bers enabling the election of Tetsu sector of Berlin. Katayma, Chairman of the Social Detion of the new constitution.

join the new party.

the premier dismissed a month ago Zone, he said. on necount of alleged lack of cooperation with the Cabinet.—United Press.

MAW FREED

jall. He had been held on suspi- tarlan unity," Dr Kniser said. cion of complicity in the assassina-

ing Burmese Ministers. Ba Maw told a special crimes tri- | Social Unity Party. bunal last week he had been kept killings.—Associated Press.

THE Christmas season, with its

A oft-repeated theme of peace

on earth, with goodwill towards

men, is here again. The season.

as well as the sentiments it

evokes, are welcome because.

oven if there is little visible

evidence either of international

peace_or goodwill. Christmas

does at least promote the desire

for both: is a reminder that the

world needs an inspiration to

achleve cither. Originally, and

still to many essentially a reli-

glous festival, Christmas over

the centuries has given way to

more, secular, eclebrations -- of.

feasting and Jolly-making.

Nevertheless It has succeeded in

retaining one, characteristic-per-

vasion of the spirit and actions

of kindliness, and in the face of a

world still torn by suffering and

set at nought by political dif-

ferences, the people continue to

believe in the promise of the

angels of "peace on earth among

all men of proodwill." Only the

unconvertible Scroones decry br

EDITORIAL

BULL

The measure, passed in the closing hours of the special session of Congress last Friday, also appropriates \$18,000,000 for China rellef.

The only important modification in the plans for stop-gap aid has been caused by the \$57,000,000 cut in the original request of - President · Truman, upon which Congress Insisted. Decisions on where the programme is to be further "shaved" will not be made without consultation with the

The post-UNRRA relief programme has provided shipments to Italy and Austria through December and aid officials here are now concentrating on Janu-

OBSTRUCTED BY SOVIETS

cratic Union of Germany, and Dr Ernst Lemmer, joint chairman of Tokyo. Dec. 23.—Usually well- the party in the Soviet Zone, "re-

Informed sources said the majority in fulfilling their tasks and was held this morning, but officials of the people's Cooperative Party responsibilities for the Christian said the attackers left empty handwith 32 Diet members was likely to Democrat Union in the Soviet zone. | ed.—Associated Press. One of the new party's strongest concluded that there was no longer supporters is former Agriculture any possibility of taking the deand Forestry Minister Hirano, also mocratic way by pursuing an a Social Democrat member whom Independent policy in the Soviet

OPPOSED MARXISM

policy in the eastern zone of Gerwhere he would serve the re-birth

of Germany. Rangoon, Dec. 23.—Former Pre- Democratic Union opposed the tenmier Ba. Maw was released today dencies prevailing in the eastern after four and a half months in zone aiming at Marxism and totall-

. The crisis was reached after the

ary shipments.—Reuter.

Hamburg, Dec. 23.—Jakob-Kalser, chairman of the Christian Demu-

From their interference it must be

Dr Kniser said that it was impossible to continue the Union's many. He would remain in Berlin:

"From the very start the Christian

in solitary confinement under "un- Military Administration this crisis speakable conditions." He appeared entered the stage which forced me protect themselves. on behalf of U Saw, another former and Herr Ernst Lemmer to make Premier, charged with abetting the a public statement," Dr Kaiser addled.—Reuter.

SIGNED

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Truman signed here today the United States appropriation bill providing \$522,000,000 emergency aid to France, Italy

countries concerned.

tions of U Aung San and other lend party's refusal to attend the recent People's Congress summoned by the "By the interference of the Soviet

of the Jewish Agency Executive, was reported to have been a passenger Informed Japanese sources said noved from office" last week on in one of the convoy cars under of the Jewish Agency Executive and today that 24 Diet members of Russlan orders, said in Berlin today attack. Snipers fired on the funeral probable Prime Minister of the new the Social Democratic Party will that only a party congress in Ber- procession on the Mount of the Jewish state, escaped unhurt when quit the party before January 15 lin, convened according to the Ascension for Robert Stern, English- a Jewish convoy in which he was and launch a movement for a party's regulations and free to born Jewish journalist who was travelling to Tel Aviv from new party organisation against make a decision, could decide killed on Sunday by Arab bullets. Jerusalom was shot up by Arabs whether they were to remain in Many cars turned back under the halfway on the route, a Jewish source at present the strongest in the House The statement was issued by the Jewish cemetery, near an Arab of Representatives with 140 mem- party's headquarters in the Soviet village.

Arab bands roamed the country-In his statement, Herr Kaiser side, attacking freight trains as wel mocratic Party, as Premier last declared that he and Lemmer were as road traffic. Arabs seized a five-June in the Diet's first implementa- "obstructed by the interference of car cargo of cement in one attack the Soviet military administration" last night. Another freight train

eight Jews this morning.

position with 10,000 rounds.

London, Dec. 23.—Jewish leaders urged Britain to step up Jewish immigration into Palestine immediately and to withdraw-armed Arab formations from the area in the Holy Land which will make up the new Jewish state.

JEWISH REQUESTS

sources reported that the Colonial Secretary, Mr Arthur Creech-Jones, Palestine. had promised governmental con-

A Jewish Agency spokesman said Mr Creech-Jones was asked to: Withdraw the Arab Legion and Trans-Jordan Frontier Force armed formations from the areas scheduled to become Jewish Palestine.

settlement police and allow Jewish communities in the rural areas to Leumi, said tonight Sanction the arming of Jewish

food convoys. Step up immigration into the Jewish areas of Palestine immedialely from the present fixed quota-

of 1,500 monthly. Facilitate the implementation of the United Nations decision to set up Arab and Jewish states in Palestine next year by closer cooperation with the Jewish local and na Joffal authorities.

The Jewish leaders charged that presence of armed Arab units in Jewish areas "provoked" the in-

Meanwhile, official British sources said it is "almost certain" the 16,000 uncertified Jewish immigrants held in Cyprus camps will be allowed to enter Palestine legally by May 15 when Britain will surrender her Press.

IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE

Jerusalem, Bec. 23.—The twomasted Haganah schooner, "You Won't Frighten Us," carrying about including about 150 children-and a Royal Naval Boarding Party quietly entered Halfa harbour today escorted by a tug.

British destroyers had intercepted the ship yesterday about 105 miles south-west of Halfa.

First to disembark were three men and a woman, said to be foreign correspondents. The police detained them, Jewish sources reported. I A number of stretcher cases were

been at sea for about a fortnight and from the New Territories to tather more than the amount con- already argue would cost them less. Finance Minister, M. Rone Mayer.

Arab casualties were unknown with rifles and automatic weapons in the highway duel. One British It was not clear who was doing the officer was wounded. Army sources attacking. As the first burst of tomsaid the convoy swept the attackers' my-gun fire swept through the old city cases and bazaars emptied and Mr David Ben-Gurion, Chairman Arabs and Jews hurried for shelter.

Mr David Ben-Gurion, chairman fire as the procession neared the in Tel-Aviv stated today.

'Arab sulpers,' hidden in prepared ambush positions on the Mount Olives and Mount Ascension, opened fire today at the funeral of Robert Oliver Stern, a British-born Jew murdered in Jerusalem two nights

Mourners threw themselves down or encouched behind tombstones as bullets whizzed overhead, eyecars ran a gauntlet of fire. Some turned back as British police escorts opened fire with Bren guns.

Both official British and Jewish tions partition decision of 23 days training methods. ago, 250 people had been killed in |-

These included 109 Jews, 128 Arabs, nine Britons and four others, mission's tasks. including a Spanish priest. The first Provisional Government

for the independent Jewish state in Palestine will be set up next March or April after the elections to Palestine Jewry's General Assem-Recognise the existence of Jewish bly, Mr David Remez, chairman of the Jewish National Council, Vaad

The General Assembly, which normally meets only once or twice yearly, would carry out the functions of a Jewish government until the Jewish state had been properly

established—probably next October, he added. Sporadic firing and grenade throwing on the Tel-Aviv-Jaffa border were reported tonight by Jewish sources in Tel-Aviv.-Reuter.

OFFICIAL CASUALTIES

Jerusalem, Dec. 23.—It was officially announced that strife in Palestine, since the United Nations voted for partition, had claimed 260 lives and 604 persons more had been

An official chaualty list of 864 persons broke down fatalities as: Arabs 133, Jews 107, British Army mandate to the UN.—Associated 8. British police 1, Arab police 9, Spanish priest 1, Arab Legion 1. The list said that in the first 11 months of 1947 casualties were 82 Britons killed and 275 wounded, 31 Arabs killed and 84 wounded, 43 Jews killed and 83 wounded.

Responsible quarters estimated and 10,000 bombs and grenades- levy by amendments to it de- bill. Polestine in the 11 months before during the debate of the mea- Franc' bill. the partition decision.—United Press.

Police Constable:

when the transient festivities | The refugees, who came from son of Sergeant Chan Pil, court for next year by ten percent at the possibility of cessions already made, the Government of the Finance Compared the control of the possibility of cessions already made, the Government of the possibility of the possibility of the possibility of the possibility of the cessions already made, the Government of the possibility o

RICE FOR BRITAIN

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH,

ternational Emergency Food Council, breaking for the first time its rule barring all rice imports to Europe tonight nllocated 24,500 tons of rice to

The Council described its action as a "temporary exception" covering the first six months of 1948.

The allocations were: Austria 4,000 tons, Belgium 4,500 tons, Belgium Czechoslovakia 5,000 tons. Franco 10,000 tons. Greece 4,000 tons. Holland 5,000 tops, Poland 2,000

The rice will come from Burma, Slam, Brazil, Ecuador, Egypt and the United States. The allocations were made in response to repeated requests from European countries for small quantities of rice for special purposes, including child feeding and hospital use .-

Lease Military Bases To U.S.

Panama, Dec. 23.—The National Assembly of the Panamanian Republic late last night refused to ratify the agreement signed on December 2, leasing 13 military bases in the territory of Panama, outside the Canal Zone—the five mile strip, on both sides of the Canal, which had been under United States administration since 1904.

The resolution rejecting the agreement was passed unanimously as a crowded gallery cheered and sang the Panamanian national authem. Shortly before, Senor Florencio Arosmena, the Foreign Minister, had resigned because of his Party's opposition to it .--Reuter.

AMERICAN PACT

WITH PERSIA Details Given To UN

New York, Dec. 23-The United States, acting under its "open diplomatic Policy," has reported to the United Nations the details of a pact signed with Persia at Teheran in October, under which a United States military mission will assist in "enhancing the efficiency of the Persian Army."

prevents military experts of other with United States rank but shall of Panama outside the Canal Zone powers from dealing with Persian have precedence over all Persian where United States armed forces Army affairs without the consent of army officers of the same rank. Memthe United States.

October 6, 1947, to March 20, 1949. the Persian Army. The Persian Government has the right to extend the agreement if it wishes and it can be terminated by considers it necessary mestic disturbances

hostilities. mission will be to advise and assist the Persian Ministry of War and the subordinate sections of the The Palestine Government said Persian General Staff on organisatonight that since the United Na- tion, administrative principles and

Advice on tactical and strategical plans or operations against a foreign enemy are excluded from the

TAX-FREE SALARIES The pact also provides that mission members will be paid by Persia In American currency and not be taxed by Persia. The Persian Government will also pay part of the living expenses of the mission and

one-third of its transport costs. In conclusion, the agreement, which was signed by Mr George V Allen, the American Ambassador to Persia, and the Persian Minister of War, stated: "So long as this agreement or any extension thereof is in effect, the Persian Government shall not engage the services of any personnel of any other foreign government for duties of any nature connected with the Persian Army, except by agreement between the two

governments." Members of the United States mission will assume neither command nor staff responsibilities in the

Persian Army. official inspections and investigations | night's train accident here at 40 | Engel, Chairman of the House as may be necessary and approved dead and 99 injured, with at least Appropriations Committee on Deby the Persian Ministry of War and 60 percent of the latter in serious fence, announced that his body directed by the chief of the mission. | condition .- United Press.

Trance.

The pact includes a clause which | Each member of the mission serves evacuate all cities in the Republic bers will wear United States uniform The agreement is effective from with insignia indicating service with possible, consistent with the number

INSPECTIONS AUTHORISED

The chief of the United States that the United States considered either government at any time on a mission and other members of it are these sites essential to an adequate written notice that the government authorised to visit and inspect any defence of the Canal but did not to do- part of Persian military establish- want an agreement that was not foreign ments, and officers in authority must acceptable to the Panamanian facilitate such inspections and make people. The duties of the United States available plans, records, reports and correspondence as required.

--: Members-of-the-mission-will-not cessions-had-been-made-during-theconcern themselves with secret negotiations on an agreement in an matters except when essential to attempt to reconcile Panamanian their duties and then only with the desires with the defence requireapproval- of the Persian War ments of the Canal.

No member of the United States mission may divulge to any foreign government secrets learned as a

member of the mission. State Department officials said tonight that the pact merely continued an arrangement in force since 1942. This was the first time, means that United States defence of this agreement between the two the Panama Canal will be limited countries had been brought under to the facilities available to it withthe official notice of the United in the Canal Zone before United Nations because this was the first States entry into the second World time it had been renewed since the | war. United Nations was established. The terms of the agreement had not been changed in any material way Panama, Brigadier General Frank and it was not contemplated that Hines, to a White House conference

TRAIN COLLISION DEATH TOLL

now be strengthened.—Reuter.

Neuwied, near Coblenz, Dec. 23 .- United States security-especially to Omeial investigators late this after- its naval forces. They may, however, make such noon put the death toll in last To face this threat, Mr Albert

TO WITHDRAW TROOPS

Washington, Dec. 23.—The United States is to withdraw "as quickly as possible" all troops from 14 defence bases which the Panama Republic has refused to lease to the United States, the State-Department

announced here tonight. The decision was taken following the unanimous rejection by the Panama National Assembly of an agreement which would have allowed the United States to occupy these bases for periods of from five

to 10 years. The United States would have to base the defence of the Panama Canal on facilities inside the Canal

The announcement by the State Department declared: "In accordance with oral agreements made to the Panamanian Government in the course of negotiations, necessary steps will be taken immediately to are now stationed. This withdrawal will be completed as quickly as of personnel and the amount of

material involved." The State Department explained

The State Department declared that substantial and repeated con-

STILL FRIENDLY

"Failure to conclude an agreement will not, of course, affect normal friendly relationships between the two countries," the State Department said.

The rejection of the agreement

Earlier today, President Truman summoned his Ambassador to American personnel in Persia would as Congressmen : claimed : that "Communist Inspiration" lay behind the Panama Parliament's refusal to approve a new agreement with the United States for the leasing of the . 14 bases guarding the Capal. Military officials here stated that

the rejection by the Republic of Panama is a potential threat to

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Amendments To Bill Will Mean Loss

Paris, Dec. 23.—The French Government will lose about 20 percent of revenue it expected.

and 10,000 bombs and grenades— levy by amendments to it de. A tense political struggle has demostly. hand-made-exploded in creed by the National Assembly veloped around the "Save the

Inside parliament, the so-called The original estimate was to raise "third force" middle of the road Throughout the debate, the 150,000 million francs. The cost of parties, including essentially Government has been hard pressed the concession made by the Govern- Socialists and Popular, Republicans by de Gaullist deputies. It remains ment was put at about 30,000 million with a fraction of Radicals, feel that to be seen, when the dust of the

COn the other hand, the Govern- France. Outside parliament, there is a very covernmental ban to stop inflation. taken to hospital.

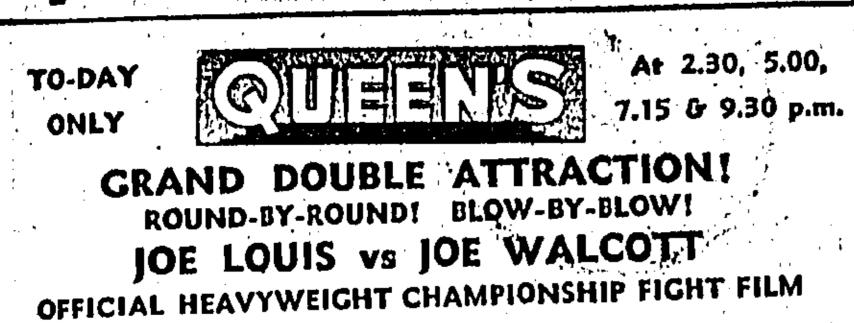
The refugees, who came from son of Sergeant Chan Pul, court for next year by ten percent at the Europe and included two hables born

At the same time, it is expected that another upward revision of wages is under way, which would omount in general to an increase of from the special anti-inflation adopted in the Government's original 25 per cent, including, however, 500 francs recently decreed by the Government as special cost of living allowance to all workers, irrespeclive of their grade.

they are masters of the situation in parliamentary fight has died down. l exactly what remains of the original ceded on the special levy. Accompanying the Government's One of these, which never saw the

deny the spirit of Christmas, the period when Seif spontaneously gives way to service for others: and they are acorned, and justly so, by their fellow men. Novertheless, until the easily-awakened sentiments of Christmas can be sustained through the twelve months that follow they must lose all their" meaning, and become relegated to the ephemeral state of emotionalism. If the

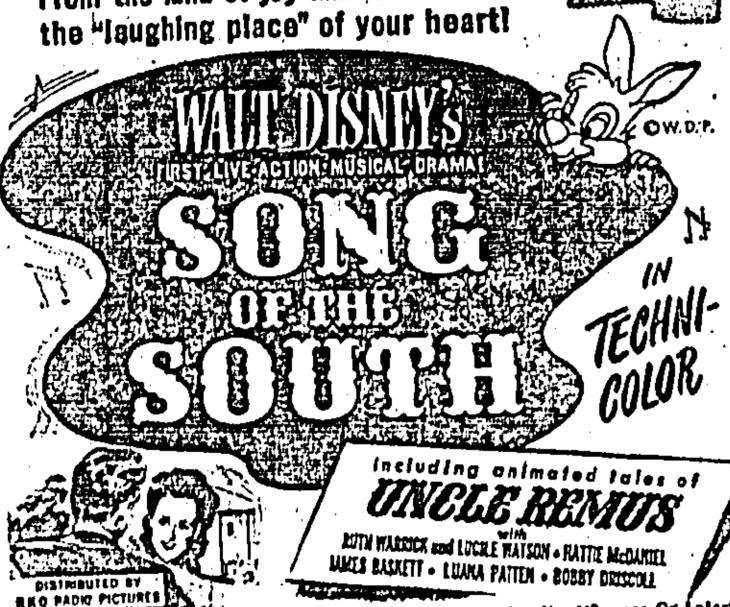
The Christmas Message world to realise its mistakes of the past year and to arouse a determination that they shall not be repeated, then the festival will not be just another wasted interlude. The year just ending has, unhappily, left the world much nearer war than beace: some American commentators have 'gone so far as to describe the present international situation as a "cold war," while other observers are spending most of their time repudiating the possiblity of peace and goodwill by assessing the prospects of another world conflict. The peace of the universe must rest on the goodwill of the People. They alone, through their insistence that the message and spirit of Christmas remain the continuous policy governing international relations, can prevent the destruction of the peace they so desperately desire. While therefore, all men of goodwill, will join this, week in exchanging Christmas withes and express hopes for a neacoful and happier New Year, they will !! amount to so many cynical blatis tudes unless those same men can i taken to hospital. repeat them in words and deeds will become the dominating pre-Christman message can help the that penceful New Year.



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E BY NATHANIEL GUBBINS SITTING ON THE FENCE & &

YOUR UNCLE NAT FACES CHRISTMAS (OR CAN HE?)

his little armchair in The Nest, it'll soon be over." What an awful way to talk don't you go with them?" asked the Moreover, whereas the bank robabout Christmas." said his Sparrow. wife, "it would serve you right if I spent the holidays with my

right, too," said the Sparrow.

"I can't think why I take so the Sparrow. . much trouble making things nice and comfortable when it's tear starting in her eye. not appreciated."

"Nor do I," said the Spar- paring to leave.

"Every Christmas I've work- "Certainly," said the Sparrow, those who have a reasonable expeced my claws to the bone clean- "I always need training before tation of life. ing and cooking and doing the Christmas." decorations," said his wife. Letter from a turkey "It's no Christmas for me I can tell you."

all about?"

said his wife.

mas," said the Sparrow. "That nice Mr Robin's going

away," said his wife. "Good." said the Sparrow. "He says he wants to give

his wife a break as she needs

"I'll say she does," said the "They're going to a lovely

hotel by the sea and live in the rain gutter.' Sparrow.

"There'll

but enjoy herself." "At what?" asked Sparrow.

"Well," said his wife, they can hop down the sea front in

the morning." "Yes?" said the Sparrow. "And hop' back again for

lunch," said his wife. "What lunch?" asked the Sparrow.

Christmas tea."

cat," said the Sparrow. "You always look on the worst coughed nervously.

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"And leave you all alone?" said ferer robs the sick and the poor and "You needn't worry about me," black market prices.

"It would probably serve you "you'd spend all your time at that hanged, but in an insane comawful Tree Tops Club."

> "I might come home for a couple of snacks," said the Sparrow, pre-

his wife.

you," said the Sparrow, "and some just before last Christmas, He found it possible to excuse the I don't appreciate it, what's it don't appreciate it, what's it was executed and sold in the black market almost before the ink was execution. "Christmas is . Christmas," dry on the paper.

body would not be disposed of by far as I know, yours is the only racketeers, but that it would procolumn which prints corresponding time to prove how much of his popularity, lay dangerously vide Christmas cheer for some poor dence from animals and birds. persons or patients in a hospital, preferably a kiddles' hospital. He

was passionately fond of kiddies. right-minded turkeys at this season medium for grawing attention to a "My husband says this is the time games and music were forbidden, of the year. Although we would public scandal, though I am aware when all all the season would public scandal, though I am aware when all all the season would public scandal, though I am aware when all all the season would public scandal, though I am aware when all all the season were forbidden, of the year. of the year. Although we would healthy, are we not?) we are resigned to our fate, knowing it is the only reason for our brief existence, racing news.

realise that we are often making the merriest Christmas, may I say "What a break." said the the supreme sacrifice, not for the that, next to appearing on the table atom bomb is my idea of modern we all wish a happy Christmas, but the plates of hospital patients, I for the benefit of thieves and cheats would like to appear on yours? crumbs and Christmas cake at and hasty little . Smart Alecs who the hotel," said his wife, "so live by making dirty little deals in she won't have to do a thing public-houses and at street corners shortage of food.

We suppose it is difficult for the authorities to bring these parasites 66TN the new edition of his book says we should never have lost India to justice. They do not take the I 'The Battle of Britain,' Mar- if Cripps hadn't been a tectotaller."

economic circumstances and at least threepence a nip." "If you think that's fun, why shows a certain amount of courage.

the little people who cannot afford Of course, in a same community "If I left you alone," said his wife, such people, if caught, would be

munity such as this they hang poor tolerable irritation.

All this may sound strange com-"Are you going there now?" asked ing from a turkey, but you must often see things more clearly, than

A goose of my acquaintance once told me that, although she was normally puzzled and frightened by fast for Christmas to avoid her awan tell you."

The state of the life as she saw it in the farmyard, ful pics."

As this is the last letter I shall first." "And Michaelmas is Michael"So body would not be disposed of by het?"

"Last Christmas he spent so much doing good deeds that he neglected his work and lost his job."

"Last Christmas he spent so much doing good deeds that he neglected his would address it to you because, so "Of source I always think then here." dence from animals and birds.

and feel that yours is the best because if he's on a fast he won't be medium for drawing attention to a able to drink anything." that any opinions offered here will of the year when all club servants and a strict fast was observed rather live (we are young and have no effect whatever on poultry call non 'sir'," all, probably read nothing but the back off the legs and boil them up pilferers who, if they can read at

While hoping your wife and But we are indignant when we family are well and wishing you benefit of deserving people to whom of some poor family's house or on civilisation." I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully, A. Turkey.

Party conversation

"They'll have had their fun," said often forced into his way of life by at twopence a pint and whisky at hushed. St. Paul's and Westminster

ber robs the rich, the poultry pilcomponis should go towards buying porches. household linen, towels, and dish

out of his ration book."

"My husband says that if we lose people rose in a body to protest "I shall do that in any case," said lunatics and perverts and people the next Test match he hopes the against such extreme measures. who commit murder because they cricket reporters won't keep on Soldiers were sent down from "All Christmas?" said his wife, a are driven mad by injustice or in- mounting about bad luck and saying London, and there was " a world England was the better side. He of skull-cracking." says if you lose a game you lose it and there's nothing more to be

said we always thought of our de- Christmas Day, but the people refeats as victories, and it seems a pity fused to obey, and demanded to prove him right."

"Brenda's husband's going on

"If only the Russians played cric- Riots," which were repeated year by ket, we could have a Test with them | year. and a thoroughly good row in the

"Last Christmas he spent so much abolish the Christmas season.

"Of course, I always think they in the reign of Henry VILL, when

During my short, life I have also people really do love each other." "It's hard on Brenda's husband,

"If it's too big for the oven you "I knew we should be talking Silent Christmas." Do we envy with parsley sauce for Boxing Day." about food in the first two minutes." our ancestors in this predicament? "Father Christmas with a toy

"Brenda's husband will have to stick out his fast till after the New Year in case she tries to make a hag-

"When some people talk about having a new idea they've just pinched it from somebody else." "In his book Margaret's father

LWAYS, in these days of Christmas week, one hears tired people gambling about the burden of Christmasi They would like to escape. They would like to run away. The housewife, with the duty of making provision for several days of closed shops, especially feels this fatigue. Yet I wonder if Scrooge and Mrs Scrooge would really like to have no Christmas at all?

was no

When there

Christmas Day

BY M. L. STOLLARD

If so they would have been happy once-under the Commonwealth in England.

In the seventeenth century, Cromwell's Parliament passed a law forbidding the celebration of Christmas as popish and seditious, and commanding it to be spent as a day of fasting and repentance.

Even the church service was abolished, and the people were ordered to spend the day indoors in sackcloth and ashes. No wonder poor John Evelyn described one of these Christmas Days as "the mournfullest day that ever in my life I have known."

Suspected houses were rudely ransacked for such "heathenish emblems" as holly, mistletoe or ivy, and larders were searched for contraband Christmas dishes, for in those days-

"Plum broth was Popish, and mince pie Oh! that was flat idolatry."

This change was most noticeable in London where the City apprentices and children had been in the habit of playing their Christmas games in the streets.

We read that there was "a most CONTELL," said the Spar- it's back to the rain gutter at mid- risks of the comparatively honest garet's father says England will strange and still silence" in the burglar and bank robber who is never be great again till beer is back. Strand. The church bells were burglar and bank robber who is never be great again till beer is back. the Thames, but the crowds of "What ought to be decided is what happy people in holiday attire no proportion of a husband's clothing longer poured in and out of their

Brave old England did not take altogether lying down. In "You decide that by taking them Ipswich and Oxford, where families had been imprisoned for decorating their homes with greenery, the

In London the Government commanded that shops and markets should be opened and business "I believe it was a German who carried on as usual during instead their customary holiday and plum puddings. The disturbances spread rapidly, soldiers were again sent to enforce order, and thus started the famous "Plum Pudding

Possibly nothing helped the "They'll have to learn baseball cause of the banished Stuarts so much as this ill-advised attempt to

> The only other occasion when Christmas was not celebrated was

> The church bells were silenced, straw was spread in the City,

This Christmas has always been quoted and remembered as "The

Monty Sends Greetings

The Chief of the Imperial General Field Marshal Viscount Monfgomery, sends the following Christmas message to all ranks of the Army:

"On this Christmas Day, I send my greetings and good wishes to every officer and man in the British Army. The year 1947 will be remembered by all of us as a hard and difficult year. It has been a year in which shortage and susterity put the finishing touches to a reading roar announced that the Who did not die that men might live, have been the order of the day. The with the return to conditions of peace, it has been necessary to allow the great war machine to run down. This has meant reduction in the size and shape of our armed forces all over the world. Such an undertaking inevitably brings Lit-tle Bo-Pest

NOMEN are lowering their skirts such an undertaking inevitably brings which and beautiful and troubles which cause inconvenience and discomfort. It yet to be done. We have to forge this

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

"There's sure to be something left their work. Silence fell over lever had sunk home into its bell- But yet, in dying, did some good, Army's task has not been an easy one. over," said his wife, "and perhaps the countryside. A greenfinch socket, releasing all the pent-up they could get inside the hotel for flew over a chimney. Some- energy of the sinister monster. A Thristmas tea."

Where in a distant yard a cat thousand throats. . . . was sick. Two old women

an order to a mechanic. On the peace comes? "Don't tell me the Robins dance," stroke of 7.32 there was a heavy, grinding sound, which announced been for-mal-ly signed. And it mey remot eaten by the minges employ the bracket-edges and the ing on to them so that they can worn thus would be most disting of no not entered and firm resolve. In this cat or tramped to death by the with a series of loud clicks, and the ing on to them so that they can worn thus would be most disting of no not entered and firm resolve. In this cat or tramped to death by the with a series of loud clicks, and the ing on to them so that they can worn thus would be most disting of no not entered and firm resolve. In this cat or tramped to death by the with a series of loud clicks, and the ing on to them so that they can worn thus would be most disting of no not entered and firm resolve. In this cat or tramped to death by the stay-wires were snapped clear by an watch Dem-o-cracy at work.

| dancers, or driven insance by the stay-wires were snapped clear by an watch Dem-o-cracy at work.
| band," said the Sparrow, "I suppose automatic gedge-drill. The grind| That's cn-ough, boy! Go to sleep, crown, perched above the car. | to you all."

WAGGLING PARVA. ing sound rose to a deafening din, Epitaph

A T 7.27 the mechanics had the whole fabric quivered like an iron jelly in an earthquake. Then Beneath this stone there lies a spiv,

By giving better worms their food.

What do I care?

By Ernie Bushmiller

D on which says that pris-on-ers trousers. Many well-dressed men, in is to the credit of all ranks that this enough for the Christmas dinner and peared at a porthole, and he cried of war must be sent home when order to save material, are wearing has in no way affected the spirit of the No, boy. It says when peace has exposes the top of the sock. Sus-swerving in our loyalties. Difficult times pender makers are delighted, since Is-n't that a law-yers' quib-ble, no man will like to go about with Army of ours, which is now the Na-"They could waten up said his infinite the Loctor was maining black dad-by, in the case of our German his socks down and a great hairy tional Army, into an efficient fighting wife, "it's ever so lovely watching the runge-lever to set the fabulous dad-by, in the case of our German his socks down and a great hairy tional Army, into an efficient fighting the runge-lever to set the fabulous dad-by, in the case of our German his socks down and a great hairy tional Army, into an efficient fighting the runge-lever to set the fabulous dad-by, in the case of our German his socks down and a great hairy tional Army, into an efficient fighting the runge-lever to set the fabulous dad-by, in the case of our German his socks down and a great hairy tional Army, into an efficient fighting the runge-lever to set the fabulous dad-by, in the case of our German his socks down and a great hairy tional Army, into an efficient fighting the runge-lever to set the fabulous dad-by, in the case of our German his socks down and a great hairy tional Army, into an efficient fighting the runge-lever to set the fabulous dad-by, in the case of our German his socks down and a great hairy tional Army, into an efficient fighting the runge-lever to set the fabulous dad-by, in the case of our German his socks down and a great hairy tional Army, into an efficient fighting the runge-lever to set the fabulous dad-by, in the case of our German his socks down and a great hairy tional Army, into an efficient fighting the runge-lever to set the fabulous dad-by, in the case of our German his socks down and a great hairy tional Army, into an efficient fighting the runge-lever to set the fabulous dad-by, in the case of our German his socks down and a great hairy tional Army, into an efficient fighting the runge-lever to set the fabulous dad-by, in the case of our German his socks down and a great hairy tional Army, into an efficient fighting the runge-lever to set the fabulous dad-by, in the case of our German his socks down and a great hairy tional Army tion "And if they're not eaten by the flanges clipped the bracket-edges Per-haps, dad-dy, we are hang- on the forehead? A tiny bowler determined to continue to play our part

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Add pearls to a black dress!, says Lois Leeds.

"DEAR LOIS LEEDS"

"Dear Lois Leeds-Due to a childhood accident, the third finger of my left hand was amputated. I am to be married next month. Where should I wear my wedding ring?

--- FIANCE." As the wearing of the ring on the Should I wear a hat? The wedding third finger of the left hand is is to be in the minister's parlour at simply traditional, I would wear it four P. M .- SUE." on the third finger of the right hand. You could, of course, wear it on the second finger of your left hand, but it is an awkward finger for a ring and would call attention cent on flowers to match your hat to your disability. I would use the right hand. I talked with a clergyman on this and that is also his advice.

"Dear Lois Leeds-I have a black together in the car. lace dress, floor length. I am 21 years old and will attend my sister's wedding in January. What should I





Learn to apply your foundation evenly. That's the real basis of makeup secrets. If you use a cream blend and smooth it over the surface of the skin. Then, after perfect blending, press a cosmetic tissue over the skin. If you use liquids, apply them with a bit of damp absorbent cotton and remove surplus lotion with a tissue. If it's cake makeup that delights you, apply it with damp cotton. Stroke and blend and then press lightly with a tissue.

wear with this dress and should I make any changes?-MRS L." Shorten the dress to thirteen inches from the floor. Wear a small

pearls and Pale blue gloves. "Dear Lois Leeds-I am to be married in a coffee-brown suit.

Black hat with lots of veiling. Wear

Yes, a hat is important to that well-groomed look. Soft Green or Ruby-Red is lovely with Coffee-Brown. A lapel corsage, with accolour, will be effective.

"Dear Lois Leeds-I am a blueeyed blonde and so is my husband. Would it be in good taste to have blue cloth suits made alike, of the same material? We go everywhere

-RANCH WIFE." Yes, husband-and-wife matching outfits look yery attractive, but be sure that your suit has a skirt, not slacks!

Fascinating Fur



Skeich by Virginia of a January outfit of three-quarter length black lamb coat whose apron pockets form a muff. Head-dress is a sheer Shetland wool fascinator, and the ankle socks, of pure angora, are as cosy as they look.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I'm glad to be home! When, after only three weeks," relatives say they can't think of any place else to take you, it's time to leavel"

U.N. ASSEMBLY MAY MEET IN GENEVA

Geneva, seat of the ill-fated League of Nations, may once again become the hub of international diplomacy.

September 1948 meeting in Europe. A UN committee will decide soon in what city the meeting will be held.

tween Paris and Geneva.

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As the seat of the newly created U.N. European headquarters, Geneva has some powerful arguments on its side. The chief points are the readymade facilities, to which the UN fell heir from the League of Nations.

cconomic and technical work.

Since summer, the Palace has been the meeting place for some 15 conferences, and has become the permanent headquarters of a number of U.N. specialised agencies.

Such bodies have met in Geneva as the Proparatory Committee of the Conference on Trade and Employment, the Economic Commission for Europe, International Labour Conference. Nations.

hardest in the world-makes the place less desirable for dollarstarved countries.

League of Nations building, and its the Palais des Nations. The contents were transferred to the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe, last summer in the final liquidation with its various specialised com-

EX-NATIVES OF BIKINI STARVING

other atoll because they are in for simultaneous translation. danger of starving.

Investigation reports of unhap-Rongerik. U.S. Agricultural speci- side of the assembly hall have sentallst Dr. Howard MacMillan found ing capacities ranging from 50 to them destitute and unable to sup- 500 seats. port themselves on the island's agriculture or fisheries.

Many have been poisoned through eating fish from the lagoon. disastrous fire destroyed 30 percent. of the coconut trees, which retarded already deficient food production for 20 months.

Want To Return

The desperate inhabitants were cutting up palms and eating the palm hearts.

Ujeland, 290 miles southwest of Bikini, is much more lush than either Bikini or Rongerik. The soil is healthy and copra can be produced there. The fishing is excellent.

But it is doubtful if Ujeland will appease the Bikini islanders any more than Rongerik.

there are still radioactive.

Model's Secret Marriage

A man who used to sit in the respectively, front stalls of the Tivoli decay. Theatre in Sydney and smile at The children take about onea girl in the ballet, secretly third of their food between meals, married her after an engagement of five years.

He is Edward Lofberg, Sydney businessman, and the girl Then they go on food jags, eating is Pat Craig, 23, well-known the same thing at every meal often Sydney model. Sydney model.

Pat Craig was a New South Wales finalist in a beauty contest.

not tell our friends until it was all and fancy salads.

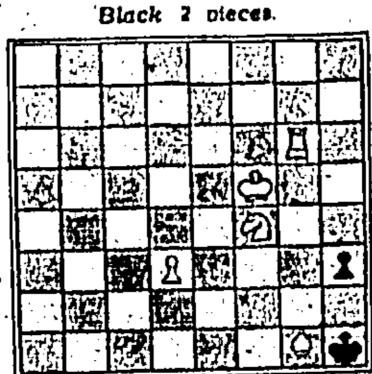
"We thought it would be much nicer that way. "My husband and I have known

each other for almost nine years and have been engaged for five "I first noticed him in the stalls at |...

the Tivoli while I was dancing. "He kept coming to the show and always smiled at me. "One night I worked at a movie

ball in Sydney. Ted was there and he made himself known to me. "That is how we met. "I hope to continue modelling."

PROBLEM



White. 5 pieces. White to play and mate in three. Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-QB4. any!. 2. Q. or

The United Nations General Assembly will hold its

The choice appears to lie be- developed into a centre for the UN's

On the other hand, some see a danger in a U.N. meeting where the League expired. Additionally, Switzerland's hard, currency—the.

Switzerland's hard, currency—the.

Excellent Meeting Centre

The U.N. Commissions on Greece The Palais Des Nations, former and Palestine wrote their reports at of the League's assets. Later it mittees, has permanent headquarters

> full ownership of the former League properties, the U.N. acquired a meeting centre comparable to the Versailles Palace in dimensions. The Palace was completed in 1938

after nine years of work. It covers an area of 193,752 square feet, with a perimeter of well over one mile. NEW YORK.

The 161 natives of Bikini old sembly hall, with a seating capacity atoll, evacuated 140 miles of 1,540 delegates and 276 advisers, southeast to Rongerik atoll be- galleries for the public and press fore the atom bomb test in July | with adjoining press working rooms, 1946, are being taken to an- graphers, and a telephone system

Four Blocks

Nine committee, rooms on either

us still another adjoining block, is political study.

BACK SEAT AT MEALS

Through their chief Juda, they husband and wife, both physi- diamonds, ruffs in dummy, and then have pleaded to be returned to cians, who allowed their young leads clubs, discarding hearts from Bikini but the waters of the lagoon daughters free choice of meals his own hand. and found it worked better

eat by themselves without restric-tion, on time or behaviour at the

six and four The girls, now developed normally, with no tooth

consisting largely of fruit, raw vegetables, milk.

Sometimes they have huge appetites for weeks, then slacken off for no apparent reason.

for two weeks. At one meal they might concentrate on cucumber, eggs, or bread, but their stomachs are never upset. Sometimes they eat dessert in beings contract psittacosis?

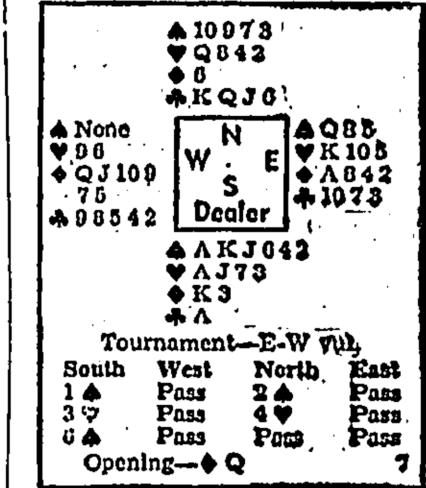
"We planned our wedding for the middle of the meal, but generalweeks but kept it a secret and did by avoid mixtures like hash, stew 6. Betsy Trotwood is a characteristic for the middle of the meal, but generalweeks but kept it a secret and did by avoid mixtures like hash, stew 6. Betsy Trotwood is a characteristic for the meal, but general-



• McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

False Carding On Opening Lead Wins

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY



Linked with the assembly hall MODAY'S hand was the subject through marble halls is the so-call- I of much discussion during the ed council building, a block with national championships tournament seating accommodation for delegates, last August. With a diamond opensecretariat and the press.

The official and ceremonial buildif he returns a diamond, declarer ings are complemented by a third can trump in dummy and take a block, the administrative group, spade finesse. But who wants to with 500 offices. The library, built take a trump finesse on the first round with ten trumps in sight? one of Europe's best centres for Look the hand over carefully and figure out the play you think gives you the best chance to make the

Bertram Lebhar, Jr., of New York says that South, without batting an eye, should drop the king of diamonds of East's ace. East then will not return a diamond, believing that it would give declarer a sluff and a ruff. If a club is returned. South The American Public Health wins, cashes the ace of spades and Association has told of a Texan Declarer now leads the three of

If East trumps the fourth club, From the age of 18 months old, the parents allowed the children to the parents allowed the children to the heart finesse.

Check Your Knowledge

(Answers on Page 4) . Name the two largest cities in

2. What mythological dog had three heads? .

3. What is an honorarium?

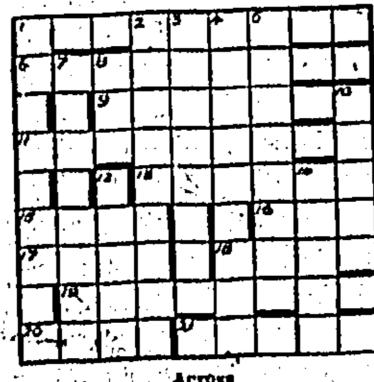
4. Which is the right bank of a 5. From what animals do human

6. Betsy Trotwood is a character

Rupert and the Big Bang-1



After school one day Rupert is chatting with his pais Bill Badger and Algy Pug. I say, look over there, says Bill. Why is the schoolmaster patting Bingo on the head like that? He's making quite a fuss of him. Bingo's eleverer than any of us," nurmurs Rupert,
"He's terribly bramy." All the
same, the master shouldn't start
making favourites." grumbles Algy.
"I wonder what it's all about?" As
they watch all three feel themselves
gesting quits jealous. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.



makes a tame meal. (4)-

Bounds like a nahy fruit mixu. Dover rait tanar.). (9) 11. It makes the mald stare. (9)
13. Expressions of contempt. (6)
15. Although in short supply it

16. Make by hand by looping thread. 17. Did they bore for this Spanish river? (4)
18. Baid to be a platform. (4)
19. Bomething round. (8)
20. It's a neat change. (4)
21. Get up to receive the advance?

Not minced (anag.) (9) You may once have associated is with treacle, (9);
Went shead, (8)
Make believer who sounds as though he is before the train's fuel carrier. (9)
Late pair (anag.), pertaining to walls. (8)
Part of the spinsi column. (8)
Are we of this ago? (8)
Trice out. (5)
Rants. (5)

Boiution of vesterday's pusals.—Aerossi
and 4. Ballad singer: 7. Repast: 10.
Orange: 12. Warden: 13. G.O.;
Tiarre: 15. Tarre: 17. Units: 18. Ada:
19. Drones: 20. [Line: 21. Norm. Down:
19. Drones: 20. [Line: 21. Norm. Down:
19. Brown beer: 2. Aerated: 3. Landsids:
19. Brown beer: 3. Eupporter: 0. Polony:
19. Parisian: 3. Ten: 11. Cesture: 10.

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Blonde Elected "Miss France"

Paris. Dec. 23.—A 22year-old blonde, Yvonne Vieux, was hailed as "Miss France!' today, having been elected last night by a Paris audience from a line-up of 24 French beauties in the Palais de Chaillot.

She will be clathed, receive beauty, treatment, get fresh handbags and all feminino accessories from leading Paris beauty and fashion houses for the next year, as well as a car and a bicycle.—Reuter.

CHRISTMAS GLOOM IN **GERMANY**

in this country because of the failure of steps towards Gerof nations.

Last year's holiday season was cheered by prospects of success at the Moscow conference.

This year's, coming just after the failure in London, marks nothing but the close of one unsuccessful year and the beginning of what promises to be another.—United

Cxechs' Last Fling

Czechs buckle down to a hard and hungry winter.

dumplings and sauerkraut for Christmas Day, candy and cookles strung on the condle-lit tree and an tributed last week.

However, the January ration cards, distributed before Christmas, wiff give Czechs their lowest monthly rations since shortly after the war, while on December 27 a heavy luxury | pudiating Feng's assertions.—United | tax goes into effect on hundreds of Press. articles, ranging from 20 percent on llquor to 100 percent on some luxuries.—Uinted Press.

Fortunate Swedes

better-fed and better-dressed than Associated Press. in any year since the war. Rations of meat, bread, butter, coffee, tea, cocon and soup are ample, but electricity has been rationed for the first time and this has made the traditional illuminations and decorations impossible.—United Press. Her Christmas Mail

London, Dec. 23.-Mrs K. Howe of Colchester received today with her Christmas post a letter posted now 36 years old.—Reuter.

Coalminers Win A New Victory

London, Dec. 23.—British conlbattle to re-gain the pre-war output theatre of operations transferred to totals last week when they produced other Europe assignments before 4,400,600 tons, the highest weekly the assuration assignments before total since July, 1940.

had topped the four million mark, movement.—Associated Press. and it left only 2,156,100 tons of coal to be 'mined to reach the National Coal Board's target figure of 196 -Army authorities are speeding rumours that Lt - Gen Albert million tons for the 52 weeks ending processing today of 1,300 soldiers- Wedemeyer would head the China December 31.

output.-Reuter.

PASSIVE BRITISH POLICY TOWARDS LIBYA CRITICISED London, Dec. 23.—Mahdi Bennonna, delegate of

the North African independence movement to the United Nations, told a press conference in London today that Britain's passive policy towards Libya might result in a disaster equal to that of Palestine.

FENG TRYING TO CONFUSE, SAYS EMBASSY

Washington, Dec. 28. - A Chinese Embassy spokesman, in whole, Britain must say her word."

An interview with the United Bennoung gold that the Arabs as a Press, today charged that General Feng Yu-hsiang was "try- a natural pro-Italian feeling. The ling to confuse the American Truman doctelne and the Marshall Frankfurt, Dec. 28—This public" by asserting that Pre- plan to combat Communism in Christmas will be one of gloom public" by asserting that Pre- Europe are almed at strengthening in this country because of the mier Chang Chun had instructed Italy—even at the expense of the him to remain in this country Libyons—he said. many's re-entry into the family to study water conservation Russia, too, was using the Libyan despite the fact that Generalis- question for a double purpose. simo Chiang Kni-shek ordered Russia opposed the return of African him home for making speeches that country and drive it into the against the Nanking Govern- Eastern bloc.

was no truth in Feng's assertion tion by advocating their liberation. that Chang Chun had advanced him | Bennouna added, that all the North money for the first six months of African, countries would do every-1948 here. He sald Feng merely thing possible now and in the future had some funds left from the sum to preserve Libya as an Arab Prague, Dec. 23.—Czechoslovakla's initially advanced to him by the country and to defend it against Christmas will be a last fling of Chinese Famine Relief Bureau, partition or against "any other kind comparative luxury before the which is in charge of conservancy of aggressive solution."

The spokesman said that Feng has could never be separated as they Most Czechs will manage to have received two notices that his mission were the three complementary parts fairly generous holiday meals, in- is at an end and he must return of one economic unity. The amputacluding the traditional Christmas home. He said the first notice, tion of one would make the Eve fried carp, and goose with which was delivered by the Em- existence of the others impossible, bassy here a few days ago, was that he assterted.—Reuter. from Generalissimo Chiang Kalshelt, and the second was sent him gobbled up his ration of two dis- directly from the Famine Relief the United States.

He said it was believed here that Premier Chang Chun would set the record straight by himself re-

FEATHERWEIGHT BOUT Lewiston, Maine, Dec. 23.-World featherweight champion Willie Pep Stockholm, Dec. 23.—Swedes will outpointed Alvara Estrada of Mexico celebrate this Christmas warmer, in a 10-round bout here last night.-

Moscow Thinks It's A Secret

Moscow, Dec. 23.—The Russian press intimated today that American zones of Austria and

said: "There exists the opinion - fast and cease fire in their respectingly predicted a Republican victory. reinforced by recent reports in tive positions. French newspapers—that the United States is transferring troops to Austria and Germany after with- the proposal.—United Press. drawing them from Italy."

It is no secret that some officers 4,400,600 tons, the highest weekly the occupation of Italy ended on Home For Christmas

the last U.S. occupation troops from aid programme were decidedly The Christmas holidays, however, Italy-in an effort to get them many weeks premature. are expected to reduce this week's home by Christmas.—Associated

ROUND-UP OF SPORT:

SOUTH AUSTRALIA LOSING TO NEW SOUTH WALES

' Adelaide, Dec. 23.--Despite a patient innings of 108 in three hours 41 minutes by their captain, Phil Ridings, and a stylish 72 in two and a quarter hours by Test player Ron Hamence, South Australia failed by eight runs to save the follow-on today in their Sheffield Shield match with New South Wales.

overnight, were out for 352 in Madge (Exeter), G. Gibbs (Bristol), reply to the New South Wales' J. Recling (Guy's Hospital), H. would begin an immediate investigation of a new Mr. 1 total of 509., Following on 157 (Sale) S. Perry (Cambridge Univerrung behind, South Australia sity), M. Steele-Bodger (Edinburgh were 27 for two at the close.

Play started an hour late because | versity). of the wet state of the bowler's approach at the southern end of the wicket, from which Miller, the New Bouth Wales fast bowler, bowled at only half speed.

Ray Lindwall, the Test fast bowler, did not field after tea because of an injured leg.—Reuter. INDIA'S HOCKEY WIN .

Nairobi, Dec. 23.—The All-India hockey team which is touring East Africa won their first two matches in initial interest in the Asian. Sports Association by 5-0 and later scored an overwhelming victory over the Hockey Association of Kenya by 9-1.—Reuter.

ENGLAND'S RUGGERITES ruth) D. Swarbrick (Oxided Uni- spectators.—Reuter.

South Australia, 150 for three, versity). N. Hall (Rosslyn Park), R. University), B. Vaughn (Devenport Services), B. Travers (Oxford Uni-

The three players to gain full caps for the first time are: Keeling (hooker), Madge (scrum-half), and

Vaughn (lock-forward). Newman is a South Africa and

Travers an Australian end.—Reuter, bases agreement. GOLD CUP RACE

tinued although-only two foreign a lockless seaway which would be Panamanian presidential elections. | 0.11, Favourite Celebrity Artistes: 0.30, entries were received for the initial being October 16.

will be the same—the distance will likely site. London, Dec. 23. - England's be one mile and five furlongs and Earlier this year, informed sources treaties have been signed. Rugby Union team, containing three open to three-year-olds and up- said that the United States Army It is considered in Washington

tralia at Twickenham on January 3. The event will again be decided pletely new sea level canal which Panamanian Government has been 3. A fee for professional services. was announced today as follows; S on the Belmont Park, track because would need no locks, and thus be made more difficult by the present 4. The bank on one's right hand as Newman, (Oxford University) R, it more closely resembles foreign easier to defend against a bombard- presidential campaign in the Pana- one faces downstream. S. Parrots Guest (Waterloo), N. Bennett tracks than any other in New York (United Services), E. Sebit (Red- State and can accommodate more

"A partition of Libya is beginning to be imminent." he

"Britain is bearing a great responsibility with her 'do nothing' nttitude, because her troops still occupy Libyai If this country is to be returned to Italy, it is Britain who will have to do it and hand over the administration to the

"To the Libyans, to us. North attitude on Libya was affected by

Russia also wanted to gain the The spokesman claimed that there sympathics of the colonised popula-

Tripoli, Cyrennica and Fezzan

INDONESIA STOP WAR **PROPOSAL**

Batavia, Dec. 23.—The Security Council Commission on Indonesia today issued a proposed plan to implement the cease-fire on this colonial battlefront where the Dutch and the Indonesian Republicans have been warring for months.

.The Commission proposed that what they believed their territories mentioned. and the area for the truce zone, All correspondents picked Mr presenting their arguments for each. Truman as the Democratic nominee, rease-fire request of August 4, each office. A Tass dispatch from Vienna party should have its troops stand

public at the same time, agreed to Truman would be elected.

total since July, 1940. It was the ninth week that miners during the Autumn told of the Said Premature RUHR COAL

Washington, Dec. 23.-Administra-Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, Dec. 23. tion sources today said Shanghai

names been gathered for considera- Big Four conference. tion if such a post is created. the Administration was still con- sentatives of the three nations would centrating on the Marshall Plan for participate in further examination Europe, and if it was worrying about of the critical Ruhr coal situation any administrators it was about in the future. Efforts will be made those who would handle the European to increase production and boost the programme.—United Press.



"Come, come, Jones, don't be so sceptical; of course there's a Santa Claus!"

Secret Inquiry Bares Egyptian Leftist Plot

Cairo, Dec. 23.—A secret inquiry into an alleged Egyptian Army plot against the Chief of Staff, General Ibrahim Attallah Pasha, arising out of the arrest of 12 officers and non-commissioned officers a month ago, established the existence within the Army of a leftist movement called "the Extremist National Socialist Society," according to the findings of the inquiry published at length in Egyptian newspapers today.

DEWEY TIPPED AS PRESIDENT

Washington, Dec. 23. — Governor Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, will win the 1948 Republican Presidential nomination and will defeat President to rlot. Then, when the Govern- the governments and national Truman in the November election, according to a poll of 57 Washington political writers by Look magazine.

The poll showed that 20 of 57 correspondents believe Dewey will be the GOP nomince. Gen Elsenhower got 13 votes, Senator Robert Taft 12 and Senator Arthur Vaneach side present a map defining denberg 5. Gen MacArihur was not

All correspondents picked Mr In case of controversy, it was and 25 predicted Defence Secretary 1011 at Ipswich, 18 miles away, the United States is transfer- proposed that representatives try James Forrestal will be his running telling her of the birth of a niece ring troops from Italy to the to compromise. It was suggested mate despite Forrestal's statement that if each side agreed to a plan that he would not be a candidate and to carry out the United Nations could not be drafted for political

The correspondents overwhelm-Nineteen picked Mr Dewey to win will open from B a.m. to noon and the men, who are the nationals of counwhile only five writers thought Mr other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. tries compelled to furnish war reto 10 a.m. There will be one distribution parations."—Reuter. A Republican memorandum, made while only five writers thought Mr

Forty - three correspondents at 10 s.m. and one collection only from thought the United States would move closer to peace next year, Unless otherwise stated, registered Unless otherwise stated, registered Unless otherwise stated, registered

AGREEMENT

Paris, Dec. 23.—The French Ministry of Foreign Affairs today an-These sources said that no con- nounced the conclusion of a trisideration had yet been' given to partite coal agreement among the who would administer aid to China Western Allies, increasing quantities if and when it was approved by of the Ruhr coal mine in 1948. The Congress. It is known definitely agreement was reached by the (Sea) 4 p.m. that Gen, Wedemeyer has not been United States, Britain and France approached, nor have any other after the breakdown of the London

The Foreign Ministry, in a com-It was further pointed out that munique, also announced that repreexport of coal.-United Press.

Panama Refuses To Lease Bases

.(Continued from Page 1)

Atlantic Fleets.

at the White House; said that believed an agreement would be reached with Panama for the United attached to Panama's rejection was H.K.T. The Truman Administration re-

immune from atom bombing.

favoured the construction of a com- that a diplomatic approach to the

ed on such a 'plan, but 'estimated | States is a lively issue.—Reuter.

that it would cost over \$2,400,000.tion into the possibility of a new Mr Engel did not refer to Nicara-

canal to link America's Pacific and gun by name but he claimed: "I am sure there are other countries Brigadier General Hines, after his Central America that would be glad conference with President Truman to give us defence bases if we dehe veloped another canal." The importance the United States

States to maintain military bases considered here to be shown by the from London of Charles Dickens' "Christthere, despite the Panama Parliaspeed with which President Truman
mas Carol": 6.30, Studio: Anniversary
nent's refusal to approve the new acted in summoning Brigadler
buses agreement.

General Hines to his office.
7.15, Studio: Emilio Salonga Saxophone The State Department carlier de- itecital with Hermie Milanes at the Plane;

Conditions for the \$100,000 race of Panama, has been suggested as a 1942, which is supposed to run until all the second World War peace

ment manian Republic, in which the and closely related birds. 6. Consulting engineers have report- leasing of the bases to the United "David Copperfield" by Charles

The report of the findings said that the "Extremist Nationalist Socialist Society" had the objects of:

1. The assassination of Attallah Pasha and any political leader accepting negotiations with Britain over the Anglo-Egyptian treaty; 2. The seizing of power with the use of force if necessary.

intended to incite university students ment ordered the Army to assist the Red Cross societies, protesting police to quell the trouble, the Army against the detention of priwould range itself on the side of the soners of war by the victorious students and proclaim the establishment of a government under the premiership of the former Marshal Aziz El Masri Pasha, who during the war was arrested for pro-Axis

now face trial on charges of sedition and attempting to overthrow the

government. The inquiry also disclosed an exmembers of the Society and similar movements in Syria and Lebanon.- | mittee said.

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TO-DAY'S RADIO

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clared that, while it had yet to re- 7.50, Studio: "I bring you Music" Classical New York, Dec. 23.—The International Gold Cup horse race which the Empire City Racing Association on the present Canal to turn it into inaugurated this year will be con-The State Department contended Geste" by P. C. Wron Episode 2-Three running on July, 19. The event for the finitial running on July, 19. The event for the possibility of a new Central that the legal grounds for maintain-legal grounds for the Legal grounds for maintain-legal grounds for maintain-legal grounds for maintain-legal grounds for maintain-legal grounds for the Legal grounds for maintain-legal grounds for maintain-legal grounds for maintain-legal grounds for the Legal grounds for the

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1. Milan and Naples, 2. Cerebus

Honoured For Brave Conduct

London, Dec. 28:--Men. and women in the Far East were honoured today by the King for bravery and valuable services during the war in a list of awards published in London to-

A medical officer in the Medical Service of Malaya, Dr. William Archibald Balhetchet, has been made an Officer of the Civil Division of the Order of the British

Empire. 'Three others have been made Members of the same Order, They are Yeoh Bok Choon, Tutor in Surgery at the College of Medicine in Singapore, who performed valuable services at the Tan Tock Seng Hospital during the Japanese occupation; Mrs Nora Chowns, a Briton living in Perak, who is honoured for services to fellow internees in Malaya during enemy occupation, and Major Fred Harvey, of the Salvation Army, for services to fellow internees at Ayer Hitam camp, on Penang Island.

A Singapore hospital assistant, Henry Edward Klyne, has been awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division) for services during onemy occupation in Singapore. The Medal has also been awarded to Badur Birt Shamsudin, corporal in the Malaya Union Police Force, for services to the forces during milliary operations in Southeast Asia, prior to September 2, 1945.

The King's Recommendation for Brave Conduct during military operations in Southeast Asia during the same period has been awarded to M. Bin Rahman, a Singapore smallholder.—Reuter.

DETENTION OF POW

PROTEST FROM RED CROSS

Geneva, Dec. 23.—The International Committee of the Red The Society was stated to have Cross has communicated with powers two years after hostili-

ties have ceased. The measures taken by the victorious powers, the Committee stated, give no grounds to hope that Eight members of the Society will the prisoners will regain their free-

dom before January 1, 1949. "The capture of prisoners of war has only a single aim—to prevent enemy combatants from taking up change of correspondence between arms once more," a communique

que added, "is apparently main- for handling and storing cargo tained on account of the scarcity for handling and storing cargo of labour in the detaining countries, shipped by UNRRA will be the resory labour service for ex-service- cludes any pre ship tackle ex-

Disorders In Trieste

Trieste, Dec. 23.—Tension mount-

ed today in Trieste alter 12 persons were injured in two separate bombing incidents in the past two days. The disorders occurred during Italian-Yugoslav negotiations over the naming of a candidate for civilian governor of this free territory. Some alled sources suggested that the Yugoslavs probably were ready to accept an Italian or a Western power candidate to hasten the evacuation of 10,000 United States p.m. for the following day. and British troops now occupying a portion of the Trieste area. These informants added, however, that the Western powers probably would not be jockeyed into a position of suggesting an acceptable candidate at at 1-3 Wyndham Street, City of this time.—Associated Press.

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